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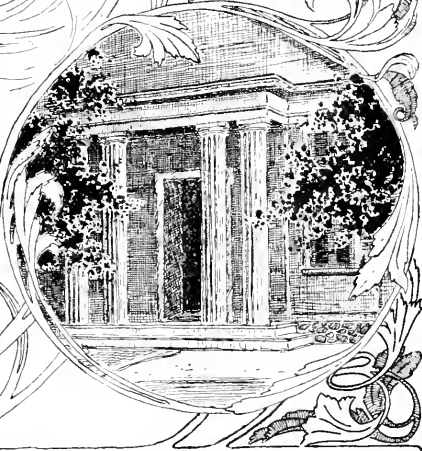
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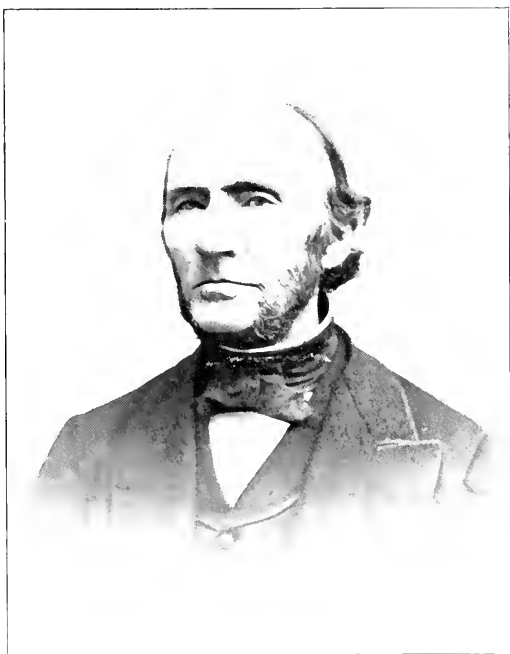
OF

THE

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Morse Rowell.

Souvenir Programme

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The Fiftieth Anniversary

of the organization of the

First Presbyterian Church

of

Manasquan, New Jersey,

April 10 == 13,

1898.

Pastors.

Morse Rowell, - - - - -	1850 — 1856
* Henry R. Avery, - - - - -	1857 — 1858
Samuel Alden Freeman, - - - - -	1864 — 1868
Charles F. Worrell, - - - - -	1872 — 1880
Frederick T. Brown, - - - - -	1881 — 1893
Nathan Dushane Hynson, - - - - -	1893 —

Elders.

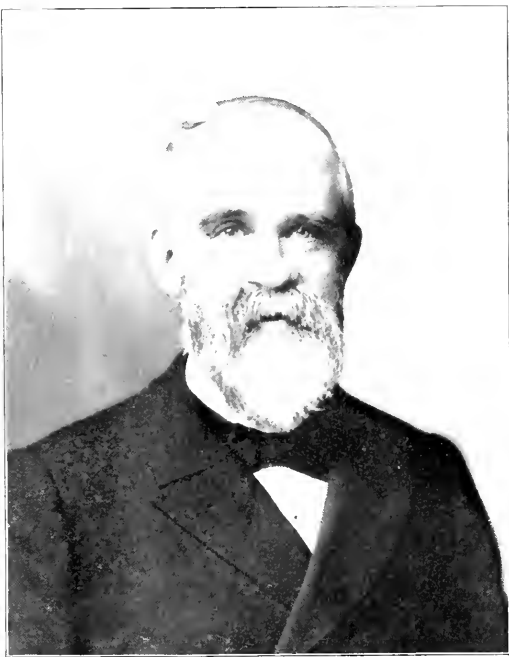
Thomas J. Brannin, ordained	1848	Gilbert N. Marcellus, ordained	1871
Lewis E. Pearce, "	1856	Jacob Holmes Morris, "	1872
Daniel Cook, "	1857	Abram O. Curtis, "	1874
Theodore D. Conover, "	1857	Forman O. Bailey, "	1874
Stephen D. Conover, "	1866	George Bailey, "	1885
James W. Wight, "	1866	Ferdinand S. Stines, "	1889
Thomas Bell, "	1866	John W. Borden, "	1889

Deacons.

George M. Davison, ordained	1896	William Bowen, ordained	1896
Edgar Pearce, "	1896	Theodore W. Brewer, "	1897

Mr. Avery's picture has been omitted from this programme, because of our inability to secure a photograph.

* Deacons were elected during the pastorate of Dr. Worrell, but no records of such appear



Samuel Alden Freeman, D. D.

Historical Sketch.

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What changes hath time wrought !

Fifty years ago the site of our pleasant town by the sea, was occupied, for the most part, by the Curtis and Pearce farms. There were a little cluster of buildings about what is now the centre of the town, a few detached farm houses, two country roads, which have since become two of our principal thoroughfares and been dignified by the names Main street and South street, and a stream, flowing through the centre of the tract, adding to its beauty and fertility, doubtless, but also to the annoyance of pedestrians who would sink ankle deep in the mud. This is something of the picture which the old residents can see as their minds go back to the period of beginnings.

Our congregation was never disturbed and startled, in those old days, by the whistle of the engine and the rush of the railroad train carrying Sunday excursionists to the shore, and for the two very good reasons that we had neither railroad or church.

A trip to Philadelphia necessitated a stage ride to Freehold, the then terminus of the railroad; and the favorite route to New York was by stage to Red Bank and thence by boat. What would our fathers have thought of our fast Philadelphia expresses and our eighty trains a day to and from New York, of the present !

Up to fifty-five years ago the only church in the neighborhood of the town was the Friends' Meeting House nearly a mile to the west. The nearest Presbyterian Churches were those at Tennent, about twenty miles distance, at that time about one hundred and fifty years old, at Shrewsbury and at Freehold, but recently organized. The people of the community were thus dependent, for the privileges of public worship, upon visiting ministers and distant churches. This condition of affairs could not last, and, consequently in 1843, a Union Church was built on the hill overlooking the village. The building still stands and is used as a cemetery chapel. It is only justice to say that Presbyterians were the most active promoters of this project and the largest contributors.

Here four denominations worshipped—the M. E., M. P., Baptist and Presbyterian, an agreement being entered into concerning the times of services. Among others who preached for the Presbyterians were the Revs. Mr. Newell, Joseph Blythe, Charles Webster, Rufus Taylor, and Morse Rowell.

Mr. Rowell was a young man, having been ordained and installed as pastor of the church at Manchester, N. J., in 1845, but he was a true servant of the Lord, full of earnestness and zeal in the Lord's service. It was largely through his influence that our fathers determined, in 1848, to organize a Presbyterian Church and to erect a suitable House of Worship.

This organization was effected April 11, 1848, the Revs. Charles Webster, Rufus Taylor and Morse Rowell being the organizers, and Thomas J. Brannin, Elizabeth Brannin, George Rankin, Mary E. Osborn, Jane Shaddock, Elizabeth Bennett, Mary E. House, P. D. Kneiskern, M. D., and James Walker, being the first members. Mr. T. J. Brannin was elected ruling elder, and the Rev. Mr. Rowell was invited to serve the infant church as stated supply.

Before this, however, early in the year 1848, subscriptions had been made to the church building, and on April 4th the subscribers met and named as a Building Committee, Col. Abram Osborn, Mr. Osborn Curtis, and the Rev. Morse Rowell. The corner-stone was laid in the presence of a "large assembly" in June 1848 and the church was dedicated March 1,

1849. On August 10, 1849, the congregation elected its first trustees as follows—T. J. Brannin, Samuel N. Osborn, and Osborn Curtis, to whom, on October 2nd of the same year, the property was conveyed by the Building Committee.

In addition to those named above the following were members of the congregation and contributors to the building fund, and to the support of the church—Rice Hadsell, Wm. H. Bailey, Allen Osborn, C. M. Graham, M. D., Col. T. Osborn, R. Laird, M. D., Col. James Osborn, James Rankin, Henry Green, Ebenezer Allen and D. L. Huntsinger.

Mr. Rowell, having been called by the congregation, was installed June 13th, 1850, by the then Presbytery of New Brunswick, as the church's first pastor. On May 7th, 1851, action was taken which led to the establishment of a "Parochial School," and a building for this purpose was erected, which is the nucleus of our present chapel.

Another forward step was the erection, about this time, of the "Second Church," for the convenience of those living in that neighborhood. The building, which still stands, has since fallen into disuse.

Mr. Rowell's pastorate ended May 8th, 1856, when he resigned to assume charge of a Mission Chapel in New York; which, through his labors, grew into the Alexander Church. The pastorate thus closed was one of great earnestness of purpose, and self-sacrifice. Mr. Rowell's labors here were almost apostolic, and he overcame difficulties and surmounted obstacles which would have discouraged a man of less sturdy mould and weaker faith. His death occurred of apoplexy, at Miller's Place, L. I., February 2nd, 1886, in the 71st year of his age. His was the period of faithful seed sowing; the harvest was not yet.

In September, 1856, the congregation called the Rev. Henry R. Avery to the office of pastor. The call being accepted, Mr. Avery, was installed February 24, 1857. This second pastorate was a short one, being terminated, November 4th, 1858, by the resignation of Mr. Avery. The membership of the church had now grown from the original nine to forty.

During the summer of 1860, under the direction of the Missionary Committee of the Monmouth Presbytery, which had, the previous year, been formed from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Mr. Samuel Alden Freeman, then a senior in Princeton Seminary and now the Rev. Dr. Freeman, supplied the pulpit of the church. "Licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Monmouth in April 1861, he again supplied the church during the summer, temporarily taking the place of Rev. Thomas B. Hunt, pastor-elect, absent at the front as Chaplain of a regiment of three month volunteers. Mr. Hunt having later accepted the Chaplaincy of a three years' regiment, Mr. Freeman, in response to an urgent invitation of the church, then numbering but about forty members, returned to them in October 1861, and was ordained as an evangelist that same month at a meeting of Presbytery at Oceanic. In May 1864, [June 7th, (?)] a year marked by a gracious spiritual ingathering into the church, he was formally installed as pastor." In October 1868, [November 3rd, (?)] the pastoral relation was dissolved at Mr. Freeman's request, he desiring to accept a call to Pennsylvania. During his pastorate the church enjoyed a healthy growth and the membership of the Sabbath School rose to two hundred, a greater number than it has ever since enrolled. Nevertheless the struggle was great and some of the friends of the church were fearful lest it would sink beneath its burdens.

Mr. Freeman was followed by a Father in Israel, the Rev. C. F. Worrell, D. D., who coming from Perrineville, N. J., where he had served the church for twenty-seven years, acted as stated supply for two years, and on January 31st, 1872, was installed as pastor.

His pastorate marks a decided growth in all of the activities of the church. The harvest began to appear.

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Charles J. Worrell, D. D.

Order of Service,
Sunday, April 10th, 1898,
10.45 A. M.

Organ Prelude.

Doxology.

Invocation.

Hymn 640.

Scripture Reading. (Responsive)

MINISTER.—Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto our God for ever and ever.

PEOPLE.—Amen !

MIX.—Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men and He shall dwell with them.

PEO.—And they shall be His people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

MIX.—Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tabernacle ?

PEO.—Who shall dwell in Thy holy hill ?

MIX.—He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness

PEO.—And speaketh the truth in his heart.

MIX.—Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord ?

PEO.—And who shall stand in the holy place ?

MIX.—He that hath clean hands and a pure heart,

PEO.—Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, and hath not sworn deceitfully.

MIX.—He shall receive a blessing from the Lord,

PEO.—And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

MIX.—Lift up your heads, O ye gates; yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors,

PEO.—And the King of Glory shall come in.

MIX.—Who is the King of Glory ?

PEO.—The Lord of hosts—He is the King of Glory.

MIX.—But will God in very deed dwell on the earth ? Behold heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee, how much less this house which we have builded.

PEO.—Yet have respect, O Lord, unto the prayer which Thy servants pray before Thee this day, that Thine eyes may be open towards this house night and day.

MIX.—Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us,

PEO.—And establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

Anthem, “Te Deum Laudamus,” (Hymnal No. 1000) By the Choir

Scripture Lesson.

Prayer.

Notices.

Offerings.

Offertory Prayer.

Hymn 964.

Historical Sermon, - - - - - By the Pastor.

Hymn 441.

Anniversary Prayer, (In Unison)

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, whose throne is in the heavens; yet who dost condescend to dwell with thy people, and to make the Sanctuaries which we build, thy Home.

Ever blessed Lord Jesus, who didst break the bars of death and ascend gloriously on high; yet who, by thy Holy Spirit, art ever with us.

Thou Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we bless and laud and magnify thy name.

We praise thee that this House, which our fathers built, has been, in name not only, but in very truth, a Lord's House. As we have listened to the precious Evangel, many of us have been born anew, and we all have been inspired to holier living.

We praise thee for our sainted dead, for those who in this place, out of their love to thee and for thy Blessed Kingdom, have borne the heat and burden of the day. They rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

Send down upon the Pastors of this Church, who still live to serve thee on earth, upon their families, and upon the families of thy faithful servants, who have ministered here and whom thou hast taken to their great reward, plenteous showers of thy grace, and grant that thy truth, proclaimed here, may become to each one of us the power of God to salvation.

Hitherto, O Lord, thou hast blest us, firmly though tenderly thou hast led us, and brought us to a large place. Grant, we beseech thee, that our fathers' God may be our God; that we may prove worthy to be much used by thee in the establishment of thy Kingdom, and that, by faith in Jesus Christ, we may all be brought to the House of the Lord above.

And to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, be glory and praise, world without end. **Amen.**

Response, (By the Choir)

Lord, have mercy upon us, and hear all these the prayers of our hearts, we beseech thee.

Benediction.

Organ Postlude.



Frederick T. Brown, D. D.

Order of Service,
Sunday, April 10th, 1898,
7.30 P. M.

Organ Prelude.

Hymn 578. (Rise and Sing without Announcement)

The Lord's Prayer. (In Unison)

Scripture Reading. (Responsive)

Psalms LXXXIV, Page 4. "Responsive Readings."

MINISTER —How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts !

PEOPLE —My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord;

MIX.—My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

PEO.—Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

MIX.—Even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God !

PEO.—Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee.

MIX.—Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them,

PEO.—Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

MIX.—They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

PEO.—O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.

MIX.—Behold, O God our Shield ! and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

PEO.—For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

MIX.—I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

PEO.—For the Lord God is a Sun and Shield; the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

MIX.—O Lord of hosts ! blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Anthem, "Gloria in Excelsis," (Hymnal No. 973) - - - - By the Choir.

Scripture Lesson.

Prayer.

Hymn 856.

The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

Notices.

Offerings.

Offertory Prayer.

Sermon, "The Characteristic Doctrines of the Presbyterian

Church," - - By the Rev. Edward B. Hodge, D. D., Philadelphia.

Hymn 922.

Prayer.

Benediction.

Organ Postlude.



Nathaniel Dushane Hynson.

Monday, April 11th,

7.30 P. M.

Greetings from at Home and Abroad. Addresses.

The Rev. Henry Cross,

Representing the local Pastors.

The Rev. Thaddeus Wilson, D. D.,

Representing the Presbytery of Monmouth.

The Rev. Chas. Herr, D. D., Jersey City, N. J.,

Representing the Synod of New Jersey.

Tuesday, April 12th,

7.30 P. M.

Address.

“The Church of the Twentieth Century,”

The Rev. Wilton Merle Smith, D. D., New York.

Wednesday, April 13th,

7.30 P. M.

Congregational Reception.

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